In the Claims:

Please amend claims 9 and 37 as follows:

9. (Amended) The composition of claim 8, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid and a co-polymer of polyglycolic and polylactic acid.

37. (Amended) The method of claim 36, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid and a co-polymer of polyglycolic and polylactic acid.

Remarks

The specification and claims have been amended to correct a typographical error. Support for the changes can be found, for example, in provisional application Serial No. 60/195,920, which is incorporated in its entirety in the pending application. See, for example, p. 2, paragraph 4 of the provisional application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment.

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